

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 3, 2002

IN RE:

**PETITION OF MCI WORLDCOM TO ENFORCE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

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DOCKET NO. 01-00513


ORDER GRANTING AGREED JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On April 25, 2002, the Hearing Officer issued a Notice of Filing, which states that the parties shall file post-hearing briefs no later than Monday, May 6, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. On April 29, 2002, the parties in this matter filed an Agreed Joint Motion for Extension of Time, in which the parties request an extension of time from May 6, 2002 until May 27, 2002 to file post-hearing briefs. The parties state that they have reached a tentative settlement and request an additional three (3) weeks to finalize the agreement.

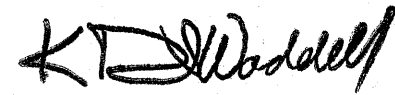
The Hearing Officer grants the parties' Joint Motion with two modifications. First, because the date the parties specify is a state holiday, the parties shall have until Tuesday, May 28, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. to file post-hearing briefs, unless the parties jointly notify the Hearing Officer prior to that date that a final settlement agreement has been signed by the parties and this matter can be dismissed. Second, no later than May 20, 2002, the parties shall inform the Hearing Officer, jointly and in writing, of the status of their settlement negotiations and the likelihood that a settlement will be reached.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The parties' Agreed Joint Motion for Extension of Time, filed on April 29, 2002, is granted, as modified in this Order.
2. The parties shall have until Tuesday, May 28, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. to file post-hearing briefs, unless the parties jointly notify the Hearing Officer prior to that date that a final settlement agreement has been signed by the parties and this matter can be dismissed.
3. No later than May 20, 2002, the parties shall inform the Hearing Officer, jointly and in writing, of the status of their settlement negotiations and the likelihood that a settlement will be reached.


Jonathan N. Wike, Hearing Officer

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary